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The PFJ is inadequate. Since the DoJ won the case on it's merits, I find it amazing and disappointing that the PFJ essentially leaves Microsoft both free to continue using the same tactics and essentially free from any meaningful penalty.

http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html provides a short list of things that are wrong with the PFJ. I am sure that there are many more things wrong with it (actually, having read the PFJ a few dozen times, I couldn't see where to start. There is so little that is right).

I urge the DoJ, the Court and the Executive Branch to reconsider this ill-advised settlement. Anti-trust and fairness aside, please consider the dire long term consequences to US security if this monopolist continues to gain market share and eventually take over the server marketplace (displacing mainframes, etc.). Public posturing aside, this Monopolist has consistently left gaping security holes, hidden the evidence, stonewalled researchers and otherwise imperiled that fraction of the computing population dependent upon their services.

A monoculture is always dangerous for an ecosystem. A flawed computer OS monoculture will imperil our nation.

Your attention in this matter is appreciated.

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